

**Anniston Outdoor Association
Schedule of Activities
April 2024**

April 6 - Hiking at Noccalula Falls with Lunch to Follow at Kati Thai Restaurant

This will be a moderately rated 3-mile hike on the Noccalula Falls Trail with lunch to follow at the Kati Thai restaurant in Gadsden. Participants should meet in the parking lot by the Country Chapel at the falls by 9:00 am. For more information and to register for this activity, please contact John Brown at (256) 393-6315.

April 13 - Hiking at the Big Canoe Creek Nature Preserve

This will be a 2 loop hike in the Big Canoe Creek Nature Preserve which is part of the Forever Wild Land Trust. The 4 ½ miles of trails have scenic overlooks, many birds, spring wildflowers, and active creeks. Those participating should pack a lunch with something to drink and dress appropriately for the forecasted weather conditions for the day. Participants may meet directly at the preserve located at 1700 Murphrees Road in Springville by 9:30 am, or by 8:00 am at the Pic n' Save Grocery Store located at 2495 US 431 in Anniston to carpool. To register for this outing, please text Bell Hamiter by April 11 at (256) 485-2514. Those planning to carpool should also contact Linda Gunnoe at (256) 343-2881. Additional information about the preserve can be found at www.bigcanoecreekpreserve.org.

April 27 - Hike on the Heflin Spur of the Pinhoti Trail

This will be a 5.6 mile out and back hike on the Heflin Spur Trail starting and finishing at the South FS 500 Trailhead parking area. This trek will be moderately challenging due to a few steep hills and will include a short detour to view a waterfall and about a 45-minute stop at the Chuluga Watershed Park to have a picnic by the lake and to enjoy the park's amenities before heading back to the trailhead. The park has bathrooms, covered pavilions with picnic tables, a viewing platform, a hammock area, and disk golf. Participants should bring a lunch or snack. The meeting time and location for this outing will be 9:00 am at the South FS 500 Trailhead parking area located off of US Hwy 78 adjacent to the Shoal Creek Ranger Station. The address for the ranger station is 45 AL-281, Heflin, AL. Coordinates at the trailhead are 33.648746,-85.631531. To register for this hike, or for additional information, please contact Danielle Whitley at (941) 210-8585.